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President's Fleet Review 2011



All three dimensions of the Indian Navy, ships of the Indian Coast Guard and the Shipping Corporation of India were on parade at the 10th Fleet Review by the President of India Her Excellency Shrimati Pratibha Devisingh Patil.

In addition to ships and submarines at the Review anchorage, ships of 22nd Missile Vessel and 23rd Patrol Vessel squadrons steamed past the Presidential Yacht INS Subhadra including a fly past by 44 aircraft (of different types) of the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard. A total of 81 ships and submarines took part in the fleet review.

Naval Fleet Review is a long standing tradition observed by many navies of the world. The first recorded review of warships took place in the year 1415, when Henry V, the king of Britain, inspected his fleet prior to war with France.

A Fleet Review is a grand occasion when every warship participating, is made

ready to display herself and her crew, in a spirit of loyalty and allegiance to the Sovereign and the State.

In this most formal of naval ceremonies, warships are anchored in lanes at precise spots allotted to them. With a 21 Gun Salute, the President embarks the Presidential Yacht, distinguishable by an Ashoka emblem on its side, and reviews the anchored ships by steaming past them.

The crew of participating ships man the side in white ceremonial uniform. White caps are doffed in unison in salutation as the Presidential Yacht steams past. The sound of the three 'Jais' echoes over the waves, carrying the promise of allegiance and commitment of each and every crew member to the President and the Nation. It is the bond that carries them through various challenges in war and peace.